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REMARKS

By this Rule 312 Amendment, the Applicant amends the Abstract of the application as transmitted by the IB with this application (see M.P.E.P. § 1893.03(e), which is the National Stage of PCT/AUOO/00959, filed August 11, 2000. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 608.01(b), the Abstract is being amended to remove legal phraseology (i.e., the word "comprising"), to remove reference numbers, and to conform the Abstract to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added and further examination is not believed to be required. The submission of this Rule 312 Amendment should not hinder allowance of this application as a U.S. Patent.

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